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TRUSTEES' MEETING

Park Avenue Improvement Work Ordered in—Bids for San Fernando Road Street Work Opened—Fred R. Sinclair to Get the Contract—Redwood vs. Brick.

Thursday, December 5.

Officers and members all present. Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

Bids for improvement work on San Fernando Road were opened and read as follows:

Bid of Mr. Gridley, for Macadamizing, square foot, 5.4 cents; for grading, linear foot, 44 cents; curbing, linear foot, 24 cents; sidewalk, square foot, 9 cents.

Bid of Peter L. Ferry, for Macadamizing, square foot, 4⅞ cents; grading, linear foot, 40 cents; curbing, linear foot, 22 cents; sidewalking, square foot, 8½ cents.

Bid of Dontangille, for Macadamizing, square foot, 4¼ cents; grading, linear foot, 50 cents; curbing, linear foot, 25 cents; sidewalk, square foot, 9 cents.

Bid of Fred R. Sinclair, for Macadamizing, square foot, 4⅛ cents; grading, linear foot, 28 cents; curbing, linear foot, 24 cents; sidewalk, square foot, 8½ cents.

The bids were referred to City Engineer E. M. Lynch for inspection and report at next regular meeting.

Protest of George F. Stein and others against acceptance of improvement work on Acacia Avenue, because same "is so constructed as to not drain the street of water, it being so constructed as to cause the water to stand on north side of street and in times of heavy rains to cause water to overflow curb and sidewalk," etc., presented and filed.

Ordered that publication of notice of hearing of the protest on the 19th of December be made in the Interurban Sentinel.

Ordered that permit be granted the Oil Pipe Line to cross the streets intersecting the San Fernando Road with iron pipes by means of ditches or open cuts for same, except Tropico Avenue which shall be crossed by means of a bore.

Representatives of Pacific Home Builders Association made verbal application for permit to use merchantable redwood in place of brick in construction of cesspools in the Angelus Tract addition to the City, notwithstanding the provision in the ordinance that makes the use of brick in cesspool construction an imperative necessity.

The reasons given for wanting the permit are that to insist on brick cesspools is a virtual "hold-up" of building operations in the Angeles Tract by reason of the scarcity of brick. Besides, it was claimed, redwood was just as good and just as serviceable.

The Home Builders had placed an order with the Simons Company a long time ago for a carload of brick and it was not filled yet.

If it was the policy of the Board to put obstacles in the way of home building, it was stated that it might result in driving them into other fields of operation.

Ordered that the matter be taken up and investigated by the Board of Public Works in connection with the City building inspector.

Resolution ordering in Park Avenue street improvement work adopted.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Inspector Jennings reported permits issued in the month of November as follows:

John Seaman, residence, 112 N. Central Ave., $75.00.

Daisy D. Farmer, residence, Acacia Ave., $2000.

H. S. Mulliken, residence, 120 Lauriel St., $2000.

Henry Goodsell, addition, 134 Palmer Ave., $200.

J. E. Giddings, garage, 551 Oak Drive, $50.

Pacific Light & Power Co., W. Oxford St., $250.

A. Burris, residence, 213 S. Glendale Ave., $1600.

Geo. Adams, residence, El Bonito Ave., $2300.

Katherine Clotworthy, 10th Street, $1500.

John Payne, store and apartments, 221 S. San Fernando Road, $7000.

C. L. Thadaker, residence, El Bonito Ave., $2500.

Roscoe Jones, residence, Mira Loma, $2500.

Arthur Payne, residence, West Central Ave., $2000.

Cal. Real Est. and Building Co., residence, Gardena Avenue, $2000.

J. F. Roman, store room, Dunbarton Street, $250.

Leigh Bancroft, house moving from Tropico Avenue and Brand Boulevard to Laurel St., replacing and repairing, $300.

Mabel Carpenter, residence, Central Avenue, $3000.

Garage, 429 Gardena Ave., $100.

Dr. Wells, cement brick factory, San Fernando Road, North, $200.

Total building values.....$29,825.00
Total plumbing 2,464.00
Total fees 69.84

STREET IMPROVEMENT STATEMENT

Following is a statement showing the streets improved, the general frontage and total cost of same in the City of Tropico from first to last as far as shown by street assessment records on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Central Avenue general frontage 6,181.35 feet, cost including terminations, $6,983.74. F. R. Sinclair, contractor.

Cypress Avenue, general frontage 4,086.18 feet, cost including terminals, $4,190.48. F. R. Sinclair, contractor.

Tropico Avenue general frontage 4,885.91 feet, cost including terminals, $6,114.13. F. R. Sinclair, contractor.

Glendale Avenue, general frontage 12,448.06 feet, cost including terminals, $18,967.06. Peter L. Ferry, contractor.

Los Angeles Street, general frontage 1,187.71 feet, cost including terminations, $1,829.54. F. R. Sinclair, contractor.

Laurel Street, general frontage, 2,495.05 feet, cost including terminations, $3,069.16. F. R. Sinclair, contractor.

Acacia Avenue, general frontage, 6,562.12 feet, cost including terminations, $7,863.84. C. R. Howard, contractor.

Moore Avenue, general frontage, 1,697.89 feet, cost including terminals, $2,216.44.

Total general frontage, 39,454.27 feet. Total cost, $51,234.37.

TREASURY STATEMENT

City Treasurer Browne submits the following summary of the operations of his office for the month of November, 1912:

November 1 balance in general fund, $1,092.40.

Receipts from all sources in November, $256.47.

Disbursements, total warrants paid, $1,061.68.

December 1, balance in general fund, $287.19.

November 1, balance in Library fund, $159.

Receipts in Library fund, $15.60.

Disbursements, $70.09.

December 1, balance in Library fund, $104.51.

December 1, total balance in Treasury, $391.70.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. L. C. Rice has returned from a pleasant pre-Christmas trip to Lindsay.

Building activities in Tropico continue to progress with unabated zeal. J. J. Burke, the Blanche Avenue contractor and builder, with a large force of men, is pushing to completion the fine bungalow residence for Mr. Adams on El Bonito Ave., and starting several other structures of the same type in other parts of the city.

C. B. Cunningham, one of Tropico's active and energetic contractors and builders, is not only pushing his planing and lumber finishing mills to their utmost capacity, but is running several large forces of men on as many residences in different sections of the city.

The newly elected officers of Visor Lodge 293 of the Knights of Pythias, are: T. L. Gillespie, C. C.; H. G. Van Meter, V. C.; Wayne V. Frank, Prelate; Harry L. McAdams, M. W.; Frank H. Daivs, K. of R. & S.; Jay Ledger, M. of F.; Guy Maxwell, M. of E.; Ralph Robinson, M. at A.; Chas. L. Jennings, I. G.; C. E. Nicholson, O. G.; A. M. Watson, Trustee.

Helen Bary, whose picture appears in Sunday's Tribune, and who is spoken of as the Secretary of the Southern California Civic League, is a former resident of Tropico and a graduate with honors of the Union High School.

If you expect to have your mail delivered to you at your residence you are sure to be disappointed in your expectation unless you have a safe receptacle for it at a place of convenience to the carrier. This attended to and your mail service will be complete.

The unfortunates of the Alpine Street Children's Hospital have been selected by the Presbyterian Church Sunday School as the beneficiaries of their Christmas beneficenses.

Judge Melrose, Township Justice and City Recorder of Tropico was called upon to mete out several drastic doses of law and justice last week. The two boys arrested by Marshal Gould on the charge of "rolling a drunk" were given 60 days in the County jail, and the two men arrested by Marshal Gould on a charge of cruelty to animals were found guilty and sentenced to pay fines of $25.00 each. Their particular form of cruelty was in prodding the mules they were driving with sharpened nails fastened to the end of a stick.

Mrs. Edward M. Lynch, Mrs. Joseph H. Webster, Mrs. Wayland Chapman, Mrs. Ernest M. Davids and Mrs. Clarence Goode were hostesses at a card party at the home of Mrs. Lynch, Thursday evening, which was given for the benefit of the Thursday Afternoon Club house-building fund.

The Thursday Afternoon Club of Tropico was entertained by Mrs. Dwight Griswold on Thursday last, at her home on the San Fernando Road. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. H. V. Bacon, Mrs. Charles Wilkinson and Mrs. A. P. Stone. "Saving the Drowning and How to Render Aid to the Injured" was the subject of an instructive talk by Fred H. Killick. Miss Alma Herberger of Burbank rendered a piano solo and Miss Edith Baker, a cornet solo, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. W. W. West.

The picture theater of Tropico is certainly an adjunct to its most valued institutions, its schools of instruction and library. Places of interest the world over, scenes and scenery in nature, people travel from one end of the earth to the other to see, are here reproduced in life-like reality. Episodes in history, romance and every day life are vividly staged; all accompanied by music of the piano, presided over by Mrs. Arthur Paine.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Glendale. Services in the Masonic Hall on Brand Boulevard. Sunday, 11 a. m., Wednesday, 8 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

BRILLIANT SHAKESPEAREAN INTERPRETATION AT GLENDALE HIGH

For the first time in its history the Glendale Union High School is to give a Shakespearean play. A Midsummer Night's Dream is the one chosen. The date set for the performance is January 17 and 18. The cast is being selected with great care and the production is to be given under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Hicks. Mrs. Hicks has an enviable reputation as an interpreter of Shakespeare and is especially successful in her work. The recent brilliant success of this play produced by the Covina High School under her supervision as well as the splendid production of the same entertainment at Santa Barbara which also was given under Mrs. Hicks' supervision amply attest her efficiency and ability.

The production is highly spectacular—with a beautiful setting over which the witching play of electric effect casts the spell of dream-like reality.

It is the most ambitious undertaking the high school has ventured upon in the line of dramatics, but it is the purpose to render the interpretation so artistically entertaining that it shall prove a source of congratulation both to patrons and players.

UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT

A good time for the little folks of Tropico is proposed and is in prospect. They will be royally entertained by the Tropico Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters in the K. of P. Hall, the evening of Tuesday, December 17, one week from today. The children who are to be tendered this entertainment are those who are between the ages of four and eleven, and, that the number to be provided with prizes and sacks of nuts and candy may be ascertained, they are to report their names and ages at the public school, the office of the Tropico Sentinel in the City Hall or Davis Grocery Company for registration. That all may be provided, this bit of preliminary ceremony should not be neglected. Registration will close at 5 p. m. Wednesday, the 17th.

The Thursday Afternoon Club will open a Christmas shop in the K. of P. Hall on Friday afternoon, which will continue during the evening, the proceeds to go toward the building of their club house.

The Tropico Bridge Whist Club were most beautifully entertained at the home of Mrs. Charles Turck of Glendale Avenue on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Charles Barker scored for head prize.

UNUSUAL PRIVILEGE

The ladies of the Tropico Presbyterian Church are again in luck. At the meeting of the Women's Association in the church auditorium on the afternoon of Thursday of this week, at 2:30 p. m. they are to have with them Mrs. B. E. Basford, Department Superintendent of Junior Work in Los Angeles Sunday School Association, who will deliver an address on "The Home, the Church and the World Life of Today." Mrs. Basford is a speaker of unusual ability and force, and those who are so fortunate as to hear her on this occasion will feel themselves favored with a special privilege.

THE TROPICO MINE A RICH PRODUCER

The Antelope Valley Ledger comes to us with an extended report of the rich ore strike in the Tropico Mine, at Rosamond. A. E. Wiley, an experienced mining man, is quoted as saying of it:

"It is great news for Southern California. It proves that we have gold in these mountains as well as in the hills in the northern part of the state. I saw the Tropico ore Tuesday. I am satisfied that a large amount of it will run $500 a ton. Some of it will undoubtedly go much higher.

"I look for the richest ore to be found at a depth of about 700 or 800 feet, judging from conditions. The greatest depth now is between 300 and 400 feet. The gold is in rhyolite formation. There are but four of these peculiar deposits in the world, as far as I know—Goldfield, Cripple Creek, Rosamond, and in Australia.

'It is, of course, wonderful to find gold mines so close to a great city like Los Angeles, and in such an accessible district. It should make Los Angeles a great gold mining center."

PLEASING AND PROFITABLE.

The Parent Teachers Association of Tropico was charmingly entertained last Friday afternoon by the Sixth grade of the grammar school, with the reproduction of several scenes from "William Green Hill and His Aunt Minerva," and a brilliant talk by Mrs. W. E. Brown, wife of State Senator Brown, of Los Angeles, on What our children should have to read, concluding with a refreshing "Tea."

Introductory to the program of the meeting were a number of pertinent suggestions by Mrs. McClure, the worthy and most efficient principal, on the duty of the patrons of the school to attend its daily sessions sufficiently often to learn from personal observation what is being done by the teachers, not only in directing their charges in their studies, but in moral cleanliness, and correct behavior.

Mrs. Brown's list of the many useful and entertaining books for the children of today was in vivid contrast with that for the children of sixty years ago, and brought forcibly to mind the superiority of the opportunities of the present and coming generations over those of fifty or seventy years ago, and their slight appreciation by the parents and children whose fortune it is to live in a day and age of their abundance.

The one male attendant at the meeting did his best to represent the absentees of the male side of the parent-teachers association. He looked on and listened complacently, and begs to report his sincere admiration of the watchfulness of the mothers of the association over the welfare of the school. The fathers were urgently invited to attend the meetings of the association.

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THE CASE OF THE MAN WITH THE INGROWING HEART

A man had a heart' though he seemed
not to know it;
Nor did anyone else, for he never
would show it.
'Neath a number of things so deep was
it hid
That nobody ever could pry off the lid.

It was packed tight with selfishness;
tucked in with greed
Nailed down with thoughtlessness,
hiding world's need.
The man seemed to droop; one day he
fell ill
And summoned the doctor to give him
a pill.

He diagnosed carefully; then said
with a start:
"You're expiring slowly of in-growing
heart."

"Is there no ready cure?" The man
was near wild.
The doctor looked skeptical; then
gravely smiled:
"There is a cure; with my reputation
I'll stake it,
But, it's really so simple I fear you
won't take it."
"Just tell me and see, or I'll surely be
dead."
"This is the remedy," the doctor said:

"Large doses of sunshine, with plenty
of air;
'Twill begin the expanding I'm willing
to swear.
Then drain off all selfishness from
several kind deeds,
Of tender thoughtfulness take a few
seeds.
Taken with cheerfulness this will impart
A glow that will knock out your ingrowing heart."

—MARY WESTON SEAMAN.

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Friday and Saturday	"With the Enemy's Help"—(Biograph—drama. "Mrs. Lirripers Lodger"—(Vitagraph—drama. "Like Knights of Old"—(Edison—comedy) Removing Sunken Vessels—(Edison—Topical.)
Next Monday and Tuesday	"Box Car Baby"—(Selig—comedy-drama.) "The Foundling"—(Edison—drama.) "Amongst Many Loves"—(C. G. P. C.—comedy.) "The Trianon, Versailles, France—(Scenic)

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The Root of Evil

By THOMAS DIXON

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(Continued from last week.)

SYNOPSIS

Stuart, southern lawyer in New York, is in love with Nan Primrose. His friend, Dr. Woodman, who has a young daughter, is threatened with the loss of his drug business by Bivens, whom he befriended years before. Stuart visits the Primroses.

Nan wants Stuart to accept a place with Bivens' chemical trust. He dislikes Bivens' methods and refuses. Bivens calls on him.

Bivens is in love with Nan. Stuart refuses the offer, and Nan breaks her engagement with the lawyer. Bivens asks Woodman to enter the trust.

Woodman will not yield and sues Bivens' company. The promoter tells the doctor he and Nan are engaged. Harriet Woodman is studying music. Stuart takes Nan for a day in the country.

Stuart pleads with Nan to give up Bivens, but the spell of millions is on her and she yields to it.

Nan becomes Mrs. Bivens. Harriet loves Stuart, but he does not know it. Nine years pass. Stuart becomes district attorney. He investigates criminal trusts. Nan asks him to call.

Stuart wants Woodman to end his suit against Bivens, but the doctor stands firm. Bivens aids Stuart in his investigation of crooked financiers.

He sat in his private office in one of the great skyscrapers downtown holding in his hand a list of the men he was about to ask the grand jury to indict for crimes which would send them to prison, exile and dishonored death.

"I've got to do it—that's all. But before I do, I'm going to know one or two things beyond the shadow of a doubt."

He seized his telephone and made an appointment to call at once on Bivens.

The financier extended his delicate hand and with a cordial smile led Stuart to a seat beside his desk. The only sign he betrayed of deep emotion was the ice like coldness of his slender fingers.

"Well, Jim, you've completed your very thorough investigation?"

"How did you know I was making a thorough investigation?"

"I make it my business to know things which vitally interest me. You found my facts accurate, and you are ready to strike?"

"When I have confirmed some statements you have made in your story

"The Private Life of No. 560."

concerning the private life of these men. How do you know the accuracy of the facts you state in a single line, for instance, about the private life and habits of the president of a certain trust company?"

"You don't suppose I would make a statement like that unless I know it to be true?"

"How did you discover it?"

"Very simply."

Bivens stepped to one of the great steel safes and drew out a manuscript notebook of some 300 pages of typewritten matter. On the back of the morocco cover was printed in plain gold lettering: "The Private Life of No. 560."

He handed the volume to Stuart, closed the safe and resumed his seat.

"You may take that book with you, Jim," he said quietly. "I trust to your honor not to reveal its contents except in the discharge of your sworn duty as an officer of the law. You will find in it the record of the distinguished president's private life for the past ten years without the omission of a single event of any importance."

Stuart glanced through the book with amazement.

"How did you come into possession of such facts?"

"No trouble at all," was the easy answer. "It only requires a little money and a little patience and a little care in selecting the right men for the right job. Any man in the business world who thinks he can do as he pleases in this town will wake some morning with a decided jolt. The war for financial supremacy has developed a secret service which approaches perfection. Not only do I systematically watch my employees until I know every crook and turn of their lives, but I watch with even greater care the heads of every rival firm in every department of the industrial world where my interests touch theirs.

"I not only watch the heads of firms; I watch their trusted assistants and confidential men. In that big safe a thousand secrets lie locked whose revelation would furnish matter enough to run the yellow journals for the next five years. Modern business is war, the fiercest and most cruel the world has ever known. It is of greater importance to a modern captain of industry to know the plans of his enemy than it ever was to the commanding general of an opposing army."

"I see," Stuart responded thoughtfully.

"There are men down there in the street now," Bivens went on dreamily, "who are wearing silk hats today for whom the prison tailor is cutting a suit. I have their records in that silent little steel clad room. It's a pitiful thing, but it's life.

"The scarcest thing in New York today, Jim, is the man who can't be bought and sold. The thing that's beyond price in the business world is character — combined with brains. That's why I made you the offer I did once upon a time to come in with me. There are positions today in New York with a salary of half a million a year waiting for men who can fill them. If I could find one man of the highest order of creative and executive ability who would stand by me in my enterprises I could be the richest man in the world in ten years."

Stuart lifted his eyes from the record he was casually scanning and smiled into Bivens' dark, serious face.

The look silenced the speaker. The little man knew instinctively that Stuart was at that moment weighing his own life and character by the merciless standard he had set up for others. Judged by conventional laws, he had nothing to fear. He was a faithful member of his church. He gave liberally to its work and gave generously to a hundred worthy charities. He loved his wife with old fashioned loyalty and tenderness and grieved that she was childless. He stood by his friends and fought his enemies, asking no quarter and giving none.

Yet in his heart of hearts he knew that, however loftily he might discourse at present about "character," "honor," "integrity" and "fair dealing," he had stolen the formula from his big hearted employer, Woodman, with which he had laid the foundation of his fortune. It was the first half million that came hard. It was this first half million that bore the stain of shame.

His other questionable acts on which the fate of millions had often hung he had no difficulty in justifying. Business was war.

Bivens waited for Stuart to speak. The moment was one big with fate. Stuart was about to reach a decision that would make history. No one knew so well its importance as the keen intellect that gleamed behind the little black eyes watching with tireless patience. Below he could hear the roar of the city's life. Men bought and sold with no fear of tomorrow. Yet a single word from the lips of the tall, clean shaved young officer of the law and a storm would break which might tear from the foundations institutions on whose solidity modern civilization seemed to rest.

"Well, Jim," Bivens said at length, "you are going to act?"

Stuart rose abruptly, his reply sharp and clear:

"Yes, I'm going to act."

"At once?"

"It's my duty."

Bivens grasped his hand.

"I congratulate you, Jim. You are going to do a big thing, one of the biggest things in our history. You are going to teach the mighty that the law is mightier. It ought to land you at the very top in politics or any other old place you'd like to climb."

"That's something which doesn't interest me yet, Cal. The thing that stuns me is that I've got to do so painful a thing. But my business is the enforcement of justice. There's one thing I still can't understand: why you of all men on earth should have put this information in my hands. The honor of the achievement, if good shall come to the country, is really yours, not mine."

"And you can't conceive of my acting for the country's good?"

Bivens' black eyes twinkled.

"Not by the wildest leap of my imagination."

The twinkle broadened into a smile as the lawyer continued:

"Your code is simple, Cal. There's no provision in it for disinterested effort for others. This time you've got me up a tree. You have rendered the people a great service. You have placed me under personal obligations. But how you are going to get anything out of it is beyond me."

"Oh, I'll have my reward, my boy," Bivens answered jovially, as his dainty fingers again stroked his beard, pressing his mustache back from the thin lips, "and I assure you it will not be purely spiritual."

The door had scarcely closed on Stuart when Bivens pressed the button which called his confidential secretary.

In a moment the man stood at his elbow with the tense erect bearing of an orderly on the field of battle. The quick nervous touch of the master's hand on that button had told to his sensitive ears the story of a coming life and death struggle. His words came with sharp, nervous energy:

"Yes, sir?"

"A meeting of the Allied Bankers here in thirty minutes. No telephone messages. A personal summons to each. They enter one at a time that no one on the outside sees them come."

CHAPTER IX.

The Storm Breaks.

THE sensation which the district attorney sprang in the sudden indictment of the president of the Iroquois company was profound and farreaching. The day before the indictment was presented to the grand jury stocks began to tumble without any apparent cause.

When the warrant for the arrest of the great man had been served, and he was admitted to bail to await his coming trial, there was a feeble rally in the market, but the rats quickly began to desert a sinking ship. The president under indictment had ceased to be a power. There was a wild scramble of his associates who were equally guilty to save their own skins. The press, which at first denounced Stuart, now boldly demanded the merciless prosecution of all the guilty, and they hailed the brilliant young district attorney as the coming man.

For six consecutive days stocks had fallen with scarcely an hour's temporary rally. Every effort of the bull operators, who had ruled the market for the two years past, to stem the tide was futile. Below the surface, in the silent depths of growing suspicion and fear, an army of sappers and miners under the eye of one man were digging at the foundations of the business world—the faith of man in his fellow man.

Each day there was a crash, and each day the little financier and his unscrupulous allies marked a new victim. In the midst of the campaign for the destruction of public credit which Bivens and his associates, the Allied Bankers, were conducting with such profound secrecy and such remarkable results, when their profits had piled up into millions, a bomb was suddenly exploded under their own headquarters.

The Van Dam Trust company was put under the ban of the New York clearing house. The act was a breach of faith, utterly unwarranted by any known law of the game. But it was done.

When the president of the company walked quietly into Bivens' office and made the announcement for a moment the little dark man completely lost his nerve. Cold beads of sweat started from his swarthy forehead.

"There must be some mistake."

"There's no mistake. It's a blow below the belt, but it's a knockout for the moment. They know we are solvent, two dollars for one. But they know we have $90,000,000 on deposit, and we have some big enemies. They know that the group we have supported have smashed this market, and they've set out to fight the devil with fire. They're determined to force a showdown and see how much real money is behind us. We can pull through if we stand together."

Bivens sprang to his feet, exclaiming fiercely:

"Until hell freezes over!"

The banker smiled feebly for the first time in a week.

"Then it's all right, Mr. Bivens. We'll pull through. They'll start a run on us tomorrow. Five millions in cash will meet it, and we'll win hands down. We have powerful friends. Our only sin is our association with your group. We must have that five millions in the safe before the doors are opened tomorrow."

"You shall have it," was the firm answer.

With a cheerful pressure of the hand the president of the Van Dam Trust company left, and Bivens called his secretary.

"We turn the market tomorrow—orders to all our men. Knock the bottom out of it until the noon hour, then turn and send it skyward with a bound."

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When Dr. Woodman returned home that night from one of his endless tramps among the poor Harriet opened the door.

Something about the expression of his face startled her. For the first time in her life she saw in its gaunt lines the shadow of despair.

"What is it, papa, dear?" she asked tenderly, slipping an arm about his neck as she drew him down into his favorite chair.

"What, child?" he responded vaguely.

"You look utterly worn out. Tell me what's the matter. I'm no longer a child. I'm a woman now—strong and well and brave. Let me help you."

(Continued next week)

NOTICE OF SALE OF FRANCHISE TO LAY GAS PIPES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico for a franchise granting the right to lay and construct, and for a period of 40 years to maintain and operate, a system of pipes and pipe lines in, under and along the public streets, highways, alleys and places in the City of Tropico, for the purpose of supplying the said City and its inhabitants with gas for lighting, heating and all other purposes for which gas may be used; provided, however, that no part of said system of pipes laid under said franchise shall be used as a part of a main line running through the City of Tropico to supply other localities with gas.

Together with the right during said period to furnish and distribute gas through said pipes and pipe lines within said City of Tropico, and to collect the rents, tolls and charges for the gas so furnished.

Notice is further given that it is proposed by the said Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder, said franchise upon the terms and conditions herein mentioned, and the grantee of said franchise or assigns shall be required to file a written acceptance of the terms and conditions thereof with the City Clerk of the said City of Tropico within 30 days after the passage of the ordinance granting the same:

That the grantee of said franchise, his, its or their successors or assigns, shall have the right to construct and maintain such traps and manholes as may be necessary to afford proper access to said pipes and pipe lines for cleaning and maintaining the same, and said traps and manholes shall at all times be kept flush with the surface of the streets and thoroughfares and so located as to conform to any order of the Board of Trustees of said City in regard thereto, and not to interfere with the use of said streets and thoroughfares for travel, water mains or permanent culverts.

The grantee of said franchise, his, its or their successors or assigns shall have the right, subject to such regulations as are now or may hereafter be in force, to make all necessary excavations in all such streets and thoroughfares for the construction and repair of such pipe lines, traps and manholes.

That the pipes and pipe lines to be laid and constructed under this franchise shall not exceed 6 inches in diameter, and shall be of standard wrought iron pipe for all sizes, either screw or with dayton couplings, and of good material and workmanship.

That all persons residing along the line of said pipe line shall be entitled to receive therefrom an adequate supply of gas for domestic or manufacturing purposes, and that the gas to be furnished and distributed through said pipe line shall be of good quality, free from injurious ingredients, and of sufficient purity to be suitable for domestic or manufacturing use, and that the grantee of said franchise, his successors or assigns, shall upon request from any person residing along the line of said pipe line, and upon the payment of his, its or their reasonable charges for making the connection and for furnishing gas, furnish to such person, an adequate supply of such gas for domestic or manufacturing use.

That all pipes shall be laid not less than two (2) feet underground, and unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise direct, shall be laid along the sides of the streets, and shall be within fifteen (15) feet from the property line in all highways sixty (60) feet or less in width, and within five (5) feet of the curb line in all other streets, and shall not be nearer than three (3) feet of the macadamized portion of all macadamized streets; and where it is necessary to lay said pipe line through the border of any macadamized road, the same shall be restored to its original condition, and in the event it is necessary to cross any portion of a macadamized road, the same shall be done by a tunnel or bore so as not to disturb the foundation of such macadamized road, and in the event the same cannot thus be done, the said crossing shall be made under special permit to be granted by the Board of Trustees upon application therefor, said application to be accompanied by a drawing, specifications and explanations showing the necessity for the same.

That during the laying or repairing of any such pipes, any trench or excavation made for such purposes shall at night time from sunset to sunrise be barricaded and protected by lanterns placed at distances of not more than one hundred (100) feet apart along such trench or excavation, and also at all street and alley intersections, sufficient to protect the public.

That the pipe line constructed or maintained under the provisions of this franchise shall be constructed and maintained in accordance and conformity with all of the ordinances, rules and regulations now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted and prescribed by the Board of Trustees of said City.

That the work of laying and repairing such pipes or other appliances shall be conducted with the least possible hindrance to the use of said streets for the purpose of travel, and as soon as the laying or repairing of any pipes or appliances is completed, all portions of the streets which have been excavated or otherwise injured thereby, shall be placed in as good condition as the same was before the laying of such pipes, and to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of said City. That any damage or injury suffered by any person by reason of any excavation being improperly guarded during said work, shall be borne by the grantee of said franchise, his or its successors or assigns.

That the City of Tropico reserves the right to change the grade of any street or portion thereof over which said franchise shall be granted, and the grantee of said franchise, his or its successor or assigns, shall at once change the location of all pipes and other appliances laid under said franchise, so as to conform to said change of grade. That if any portion of any of said streets shall be damaged by reason of leaks in any pipe laid under said franchise, the grantee of such franchise, his or its successors shall, at his, its or their expense, repair any such damage and put said street in as good condition as before such leak, to the satisfaction of the Street Superintendent of said City.

That if the grantee of said franchise, his, its or their successors or assigns, shall fail to comply with any of the instructions of said Board of Trustees, or the Street Superintendent of said City, with respect to the location of any portion of said system of pipes or pipe lines, or the repair of any damage to said streets and thoroughfares, within ten (10) days after the service of written notice upon said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, requiring compliance therewith, then said Board of Trustees or Street Superintendent may immediately do whatever work is necessary to carry out said instructions, at the cost and expense of said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, which costs, by the acceptance of said franchise, said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, agree to pay upon demand.

That the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico, or other legally constituted authority, shall have the right to regulate and fix the charges of said grantee, his, its or their successors and assigns, for gas furnished and distributed through said pipes and pipe lines, provided that the rates to be fixed shall be reasonable, and provided said Board of Trustees is authorized by law to fix such charges.

That the work of constructing and laying said system of pipes and pipe lines shall be commenced in good faith within not more than four months from the granting of said franchise, and shall be continuously prosecuted thereafter in good faith, and without unnecessary or avoidable intermission or delay. That such work of construction shall be completed within not more than three years thereafter. That if said work be not so commenced, prosecuted and completed within the times and in the manner specified, said franchise shall be forfeited.

That the said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, shall, during the life of said franchise, pay to the City of Tropico in lawful money of the United States, two per cent of the gross annual receipts of such grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, and this franchise being in lieu of a right, franchise or privilege now being used and exercised in said City of Tropico, the payment of said percentage shall commence with the granting of this franchise.

And it shall be the duty of the grantee of said franchise, and of his, its or their successors or assigns, to file with the Clerk of said City of Tropico, at the expiration of one(1) year from the date of the granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, a statement verified by the oath of said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager or presiding officer of said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, showing in detail the total gross receipts and gross earnings collected or received by said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, during the preceding twelve months, arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise. And within ten days after the time for filing the aforesaid statement, it shall be the duty of the said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, to pay to the City Treasurer of said City of Tropico, the aggregate sum of the said percentage upon the amount of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, and if the amount is incorrect in the judgment of the Board of Trustees of said City, they may order the payment of such additional sum as they may find due hereunder, and if not paid, the same may be collected by suit; and any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, to file said verified statement, or to pay the said percentage of the said gross annual receipts at the times or in the manner hereinbefore provided, shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all rights thereunder to the City of Tropico.

That said grantee, or his or its successors or assigns shall not sell, transfer or assign, or lease, said franchise or any part thereof, or any of the rights or privileges granted thereby, except by a duly executed instrument in writing filed in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and nothing in said franchise contained shall be construed to grant to said grantee, or his or its successors or assigns, any right to sell, transfer or assign or lease said franchise or any of the rights or privileges thereby granted, except in the manner aforesaid.

That any neglect, failure or refusal to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise, shall thereupon and immediately, ipso facto, effect a forfeiture thereof, and the said City, by its Board of Trustees, may thereupon declare said franchise forfeited, and may exclude said grantee, his, its or their successors or assigns, from further use of the said streets and thoroughfares under said franchise, and ors or assigns, shall thereupon immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and said franchise shall be deemed and shall remain null, void and of no effect.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids in writing will be received in the office of the city Clerk of said City of Tropico for said franchise, until 7:30 o'clock, p. m., of the 2nd day of January, 1913. That the bids received must be for the payment of a stated sum, in gold coin of the United States, and the said franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation, who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided only that at the time of opening said bids any responsible person, firm or corporation, present or represented, may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten (10) per cent above the highest sealed bid therefor, and that said bid so made may be raised not less than ten (10) per cent by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by the said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor, in gold coin of the United States.

Every sealed bid must be accompanied with cash, or a certified check, payable to the City Treasurer of the City of Tropico, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid will be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith, and the successful bidder must deposit at least ten (10) per cent of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said City before said franchise will be struck off to him; and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately, his bid will not be received, and will be considered as void, and said franchise will then and there be again offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure will be had until said franchise is struck off, sold and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten (10) per cent of the amount of his bid as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the City Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours after the acceptance of his bid, the remaining ninety (90) per cent of the amount thereof, and in case he fails to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made will be forfeited, and the award of said franchise will be void, and said franchise will then and there, by said Board of Trustees, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided. And in case said bidder fails to deposit with said City Clerk the remaining ninety (90) per cent of his bid within twenty-four (24) hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise will be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him will be forfeited, and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise will be had until the same shall be readvertised for sale.

Notice is also hereby given that the successful bidder for said franchise must, within five (5) days after said franchise is awarded to him or it, file with said Board of Trustees a bond running to said City of Tropico, in the penal sum of One Thousand ($1,000,000) Dollars, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Board of Trustees, conditioned that said bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages therefor, and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. If said bond be not so filed, the award of said franchise will be set aside, and any money paid therefor will be forfeited.

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PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

URGES REPAYMENT OF CASHIER'S PECULATION

City Auditor Presses Board of Public Works for Prompt Settlement of Amount Short in Employes Accounts.

ASKS ATTORNEYS ADVICE

Former Attache of Electrician's Department Sent to Asylum for Insane When Discovery is Made—$2546 is Due Municipality, According to Claim of Official.

Whether to pay into the city treasury $2546.95, the amount traced to the peculations of a former cashier in the city electrician's office, or to refuse and fight the question out, is the problem confronting the members of the board of public works.

In a communication to the body, John S. Meyers, city auditor, urges the board to press the matter to a speedy settlement. The question at issue is whether the members of the board are individually liable or not. Morally, they believe they are not, but an investigation of the legal phases may show that, they will be compelled to dig down in their pockets and make up the amount. The board has turned the matter over to Commissioner Humphreys, who will confer with the city attorney.

N. W. Chater was cashier in the office at the time the shortage was discovered by Auditor Myers. Chater resigned and later was sent to the state hospital at Patton, from which institution he is said to have been discharged recently.

Chater was not under bond and for this reason it is held by some that the members of the board, under whose jurisdiction the department comes, are individually responsible in case the money cannot be collected from Chater. R. H. Manahan, city electrician, is required to furnish a bond but he does not handle any of the funds of the office.

Auditor Myers' letter, which stirred up the question again reads as follows:

"On May 24, 1911, after having completed an examination of the electrical department, which embraced a complete check of the receipts of that bureau and the payment of same into the city treasury, covering the period from October 1, 1905, to April 30, 1911, I submitted to you a detailed report of my examination.

"The result of this investigation disclosed a net shortage of $2546.95, traceable to the peculations of the cashier, who, about the time that the discovery of the shortage was made, was reported to have become insane, and who was subsequently committed to the insane asylum at Patton, Cal.

'After the filing of my report it was reported that a question had been raised as to where or upon whom the responsibility of this shortage should be placed. A year and a half has gone by and the shortage still exists.

"I am calling your attention to those facts with the conviction that this matter should be taken up by your honorable board at once and pressed to a speedy settlement. This money belongs in the city treasury, and in my judgment each action should be taken as will promptly reimburse the city treasury for the above shortage."

—From L. A. Municipal News.

WOULD EXAMINE AND LICENSE PLUMBERS

Advocate of Ordinance Declares Much of Work Now Done is of Poor Character—Says Law Sanitary Measure.

Consideration of an ordinance providing for the examination and licensing of plumbers wil be taken up at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the meeting of the legislation committee of the council. The ordinance has been in the hands of the legal department of the city for several weeks.

A request for the enactment of such an ordinance was made by Lewis R. Works, who represented several organizations of plumbers. At the last meeting of the committee, Works characterized much of the plumbing work done in this city as "deplorable," and said that some method of providing for a better class of work was badly needed.

The tentative draft of the ordinance submitted to the committee does not relate to the construction of plumbing but only to the qualifications of the men engaged in the work of installing it.

Would Require Examination

It provides for a board of examiners of plumbers to consist of the city plumbing inspector and two practical plumbers to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. The two appointive members of this board are to receive $5 a meeting, for not to exceed two meetings in each month. They are to examine and license all men wishing to engage in the business of installing plumbing.

Works argued that men doing work so intimately related to sanitation and public health should be licensed and required to take an examination as to their fitness.

Councilman Reed of the committee told Works he thought the matter could be more easily and satisfactorily regulated by inspection. He agreed that there seemed to be much poor plumbing work done in the city but said he believed it was all due to lack of proper inspection.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

Permission was granted the Citizens Independent Ice company by the board of public works to drain waste water from its plant on Rio street into Hollenbeck lake storm sewer.

To provide for a general overhauling and repairs of the Locomobile owned by the police department, the finance committee has appropriated $350.

Sheaths for Hatpins Is Latest Suggestion Offered to Council

City Attorney Follows Instructions By Drafting Ordinance Limiting Length of Skewering Device for Headgear.

Guard your hatpins or keep them within an inch of the crown of the hat, is the injunction in a proposed ordinance drafted by the city attorney and presented to the council yesterday.

At least some of the councilmen thought the question had been shelved but it came back like the proverbial cat of song and story, and there was nothing to do but refer it to the legislation committee.

The measure makes it a misdemeanor for any person to wear a hatpin with the point projecting more than one inch from the hat without protecting it with a guard. The maximum penalty for violation is $500 fine or six months' imprisonment, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Following is the text of the measure:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to wear or use any hat pin or other device for the purpose of securing the hat or head gear of such person which protrudes more than one inch beyond the outer side of the crown of such hat or head gear unless the pointed end of such hatpin or other device be kept protected by a guard of such size and character as shall prevent the pointed end of such hatpin or other device from being exposed.

"Sec. 2. That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred ($500) dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

—From L. A. Municipal News.

EARLY BOND ISSUE FOR DISTRIBUTION URGED

Water and Power Officials May Present Communication on Subject to Mayor and Council Next Week.

WANT ELECTION IN JAN.

Haste in Issuing of Bonds Imperative, Declare Officials—Work to be Begun at Earliest Possible Date—Preliminaries Being Arranged—Departments Consulted.

Water and power officials are preparing to advise the issuing of bonds for power and water distributing systems and it is probable that the public service commission will send a communication to the mayor and the council at its meeting next week. President Henderson said the period when the city is free from its agreement with Speyer & Co., New York bankers, to issue bonds, will begin January 1 and the commission hopes to have everything in readiness for the council by preliminary conferences.

The necessities of the aqueduct and power projects in a financial way make haste in the issuing of bonds imperative, in the judgment of officials, and it is hoped that the bond elections wil be held in January or early in February. It will then be possible to sell a part of the bonds to the sinking fund to finance the completion of power work and start a distributing system if one has to be built.

It is conceded that the conferences between the council committee and the power companies for the purchase of a distributing system will delay making up the amount of power debt to be created until a result is reached. In official circles it seems that a "result," whether a purchase or not, will be reached before the public service commission meets next week.

Mayor Alexander said yesterday that he intended to receive advice from all the departments concerning need of bond issues, particularly power and water, and he expects to make recommendations as to the amounts required in his annual message to the council. Previous to that he expects to hold conferences with the officials and the council on the bond issue question.

Estimates of the needs of the water and power projects, in their local distribution needs are: Water, $8,400,000; power, $6,882,000. This makes a total of $15,282,000 but officials say these estimates can be reduced.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

WILL ASK EXCEPTION

Fuel Yard Owners Want to Remain in Residence District

Additional time in which to move was denied the Pacific Wood and Coal company, by the council. Instead of granting more time the council notified the fuel company to file an application for an exception from the residence district.

The Pacific Wood and Coal company has a location on West Pico street in the residence district. When the ordinance was adopted requiring fuel yards to move into the industrial district, this company was given time in which to move. A location was difficult to find and the fuel company asked another year.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

Complaints that the sanitary sewer is often clogged by waste oil drained into it from the refinery at 420 West Avenue Twenty-two, were taken up by the board of public works, but no ordinance was found specifically prohibiting the draining of oil into sewers. The complaints were referred to C. A. Blackmar, oil inspector, in the hope that he would be able to find a remedy.

Three additional laborers at $2.50 a day were added to the payroll of the custodian of buildings. Two of these laborers are to act as janitors at the San Pedro city hall and one at the city hall at Wilmington.

POLICE CHIEF PRAISES BRAVERY OF OFFICERS

Head of Department Tells Commissioners of Heroic Acts of Men Who Rescued Guests at Hotel Fire.

PATROLMEN ARE INJURED

Billiard and Pool Room Keepers Explain Alleged Violations of Rules—Hypnotist Fails to Cast Spell Over Board and Permit is Denied—Guard and Detective Appointed.

High praise for members of the police force who worked heroically at the fire at the St. George hotel, was contained in a report of the matter made to the police commission by Chief Sebastian. The chief said the patrolmen assigned to the fire had bravely assisted in the rescue of guests of the hotel and in policing the fire lines. Some were injured at the fire and will be carried on the payroll until they recover.

Officer T. D. Robinson was overcome by smoke after aiding in the rescue of a number of persons. Officer J. E. Boaz was hurt while carrying an injured woman from the burning building. Officer W. A. Cornwell fell through the first floor to the basement with a woman in his arms and was hurt, but got his charge safely out of the building. Officer F. E. Walker rescued a child by catching it in his arms as it was thrown from an upper story window. These men with Officers L. L. Oakley, M. Wise and C. E. Taunt are specially mentioned in the chief's report.

Hypnosis Fails to Work

Four billiard and pool rooms charged with conducting their business in an improper manner appeared before the police commission today to show cause why they should not be punished for misconduct. The persons on trial are: W. Skelley, 1824 East Ninth; Robert J. Haney, 1020 East Seventh; Cosmopolitan Amusement company, 618-22 South Olive and Franklin & Coleman, 360-62 Central avenue.

Frank Giron, who applied to the police commission for a permit to conduct a hypnotic institution at 607 1-2 North Main, failed to work his hypnotic power on the commissioners and did not get the permit. Commissioner McDill said he believed hypnotic power was too dangerous to be used without proper regulations.

Webster Felts was appointed emergency mounted chain gang guard; Patrolman Frank C. Beaumont was appointed detective. Patrolman J. F. Miner and J. P. Conley resigned from the force.

Action on Permits

Permits granted by the commission were as follows: Mow & Yow, 327 Marchessault, No. 1 restaurant; Adolfo Pagliano, 615 San Fernando, retail permit, transferred from Pagliano & Coppo; Hollenbeck Hotel permit, transferred from A. C. Bilicke to J. S. Mitchell; Carlo Coppo, 312 West Main, retail, transferred from George Zitzelsberger; L. E. Law, 110 South Spring, pool; C. P. Stites, 1574 West Pico, pool; Lloyd Betsworth, 2118 North Broadway, pool; David Bernard, 2045 East Seventh, pool; George Foltz, 4519 Moneta, billiards; W. A. Smith, 542 1-2 South Spring, billiards; Morley & Ford, 220 1-2 South Spring, billiards and bowling; H. G. Bradford, 940 Central, livery stable; C. J. Kratt, 110 1-2 South Broadway, baths; Laird & Saunders, 308 Laughlin building, employment agency; Lillian Lloyd, 5 Temple Court, clairvoyant; Association Loan Fund, 403 Security building, pawnbroker; L. B. Wood, 122 West Third, pawnbroker; Sherman & Dunn, 104 West Market, messenger service; A. J. Hinden, 422 1-2 Centennial, auctioneer.

Permits denied were as follows: M. DeVoe, 331 1-2 South Spring, palmistry; Mary Stella, 130 East Second, palmistry; R. W. Rankin, 1280 West Thirty-ninth, pool, denied at his own request because he encountered protest.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

CONTROL DANCE HALLS

Police Commission Wants Power to Issue and Revoke Licenses

Consideration of the dance hall ordinance recommended by the police commission and which has been in the hands of the city attorney and prosecutor for drafting for several weeks, will be taken up by the legislation committee tomorrow. The ordinance gives the police commission power to revoke a dance hall license if it considers the holder of the license to be an improper person to hold it.

W. A. Engle, representing some of the labor organizations, appeared before the commottee at its last meeting and stated that he knew of committees from several organizations that wished to appear and argue against the proposed law and the committee agreed to give them a hearing tomorrow.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

EMPLOYES' COMFORT AIM OF CITY GARAGE

Features Embodied in Plans for New Machine Shop Not Usually Found in Buildings of This Character.

Unlike many shops and factories maintained by private interests, the municipal machine shop and garage now being erected at Pasadena avenue and Avenue Nineteen, will contain features designed solely for the comfort of the employes. Most shops of this kind are provided with concrete floors, and this is no exception to the rule but the plans call for a two-inch tongue and grooved wooden floor over this concere base so it will be more comfortable to stand on. Lockers and shower baths for the use of the workmen are other features.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

Quits Police Service to Be Ornithologist for U. S. Government

Patrolman Will Travel to Islands in Pacific to Study Bird Life—Has Participated in Several Scientific Expeditions.

Commissioned by the United States government to take charge of an expedition to the islands of the Pacific for the United States Biological survey, George Willett, the scientist-policeman, has resigned his position as patrolman and will soon leave for Honolulu. In tendering his resignation to Chief Sebastian, he said, with some bitterness, that he intended to adopt a position with more chances of advancement.

Willett was appointed patrolman May 3, 1904, but has never risen above that position. He was appointed emergency sergeant Oct. 31, 1910, but failed to pass the civil service examination for the position and was reduced to the ranks July 26, 1911. Willett is well known as an ornithologist and has made expeditions for the government and scientific institutions. He made the expeditions while a member of the police force, securing leaves of absence from duty for several months at a time to do his scientific work.

In notifying the police commission of Willett's resignation, Chief Sebastian spoke highly of the work he had done as a member of the police force.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

Office room at San Pedro is needed by the public service commission which is to take over the water system at the harbor and if there is no available space at the San Pedro city hall, the commission asks the board of public works to provide from 500 to 600 square feet of office room somewhere else.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CRITICIZES MEMBER

Exception Taken to Action of Superintendent and Freeholder Who Explained Provisions of Charter.

Because Joseph Scott, a member of the board of education, explained the city charter, voted on yesterday, at a meeting of school teachers, the board of education criticized him and Superintendent Francis at the last meeting.

Francis called the teachers together and Scott was introduced by him. Scott was one of the fifteen freeholders who drew the new charter and spoke in favor of it, although he opposed certain portions in the drafting.

Mrs. R. L. Craig said that the calling of the meeting by the superintendent and the address by one of the members of the board gave the impression that the meeting and the charter approval were authorized by the board, which, she said, was not the case. Commissioner Bean said Francis had no right to call the meeting and President Guinn said Scott had no right to deliver the address. This criticism was joined in by Commissioner Steadman.

Guinn and others based their objection, as stated by them, on the failure of the charter to make provisions for the schools and the provision requiring all departments to deed property held to the city. Guinn held this last provision meant the surrender of all school land and buildings to the municipal commission. He also criticized the charter because it eliminated compensation of members of the board of education.

Francis declared he had no partisan purpose in calling the meeting and was perfectly willing to assemble the teachers again and let them hear the other side but the board regarded this as too late.

Scott is in Arizona on legal business but when he learned of the criticism he sent back a reply that the charter preserves the present status of school government, free from municipal politics. He said he was sorry his colleagues on the board "have not studied the charter enough to know the results of four months hard work in behalf of the principles of non-partisan education."

—From L. A. Municipal News.

TO REDRAFT ORDINANCE

Law Regulating Poles Will Conform With State Regulation

Instructions to redraft the ordinance regulating the placing of poles by public utility corporations, were given to the city attorney by the legislation committee. The ordinance will be made to conform to proposed regulations by the state railroad commission and also will eliminate some features objected to by the joint pole committee of the local corporations.

One of the requirements of the old ordinance was that all wires should be at least 20 feet above the street. This, it was argued, was higher than necessary and if enforced might result in the placing of more poles..

It also was agreed that the section eliminating the use of anchors at the end of guy wires should be eliminated and the board of public works given discretionary powers to require the elimination of the anchors whenever traffic conditions demanded it.

The proposed ordinance is to take the place of an ordinance passed a few weeks ago and then repealed at the request of the corporations, who declared they had not been given the opportunity to be heard.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

C. W. Baker was granted permission by the board of public works to install two ornamental lighting posts on Tenth street between Francisco and Cottage place subject to revocation in case an ornamental lighting system is installed on the street later.

In reply to a request from J. J. Backus, chief building inspector, for a map of the city sewer system to facilitate the work of the plumbing inspectors in his department, the board authorized him to have a map prepared by a draftsman in his department from data to be furnished by the city engineer.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE CITY'S PROPERTY

State Board of Control Gets Gentle Reminder of Fact—Improvement Association Suffers Lapse of Memory.

Sewage conditions in the harbor that have caused so much complaint from San Pedro people, are to be remedied before the first of the year, according to a report made to the harbor commission by Harbor Engineer Hamlin. The conditions complained of are caused by the sewer outlet at the Fifth street landing. But the board of public works has already let a contract to divert the flow to a point 300 feet south of the present outlet and the contractor will begin work on it in a few days.

The harbor commission has notified Col. C. H. McKinstry that it has no objection to the application of the Pacific Wharf & Storage company for a permit to construct a dolphin at the north side of the entrance to its slip.

Politely reminding the N. E. W. Commercial and Improvement association that its memory had slipped a cog, the harbor commission notified that body that Los Angeles harbor has been officially known by that name for more than two years. The association asked the harbor commission to take the matter up with the government and have the name of the harbor changed from San Pedro to Los Angeles harbor. This was done by city authorities more than two years ago and the name Los Angeles harbor now appears on all documents of the war department and maps of the Coast and Geodetic survey.

Must Lay Pipes Deep

The state board of control called the attention of the harbor commission to a state law that requires an inventory of all state and county property and asked the commission to report all property owned by the state at the harbor. With pardonable pride, the commission replied that it has no property purchased with state money in the keeping of the board of harbor commissioners.

To supply water to Terminal Island the public service commission wants to lay a water main down Fries street and under the channel leading to the east basin. The harbor commission adopted a resolution that all pipelines of every kind laid under any channel of the harbor must be at least 35 feet below the line of low tide.

While the harbor commission has had under consideration an ordinance to prohibit dumping scrap iron in the harbor, it expunged the matter from its docket when it learned last week that this matter is covered by federal regulations.

Harbor Commissioner Edward Johnson was appointed a committee to consult with Col. C. H. McKinstry, engineer in charge of the government work at the harbor, on the procedure to be followed to establish a quarantine station.

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AQUEDUCT WATER

For the San Fernando Valley. Aye or Nay. Which?

The Van Nuys meeting on Thursday of last week for the purpose of considering the question of getting Owens river aqueduct water for the San Fernando Valley, was well attended in spite of the blustery weather. Delegations were present from all parts of the valley.

Briefly stated the questions presented were whether the inhabitants of the valley should individually buy the temporary use of the water at the rate of two cents an inch an hour, or whether the inhabitants of the valley as a whole should have their territory annexed to the city of Los Angeles and thereby become entitled to the water they may need at Los Angeles city rates.

Mr. Kennedy, a representative of Los Angeles was present with blank applications for the water by the terms of which the applicant agrees to take an inch or more of water at such rate as he is able and willing to pay, but with the assurance however that his application would receive no consideration at the hands of Los Angeles unless it was for the water at the uniform rate of two cents an inch an hour.

The meeting was of the unanimous opinion that this is a prohibitive rate, at least to bona fide settlers. Non-residents, holders of "big interests" in the valley, like Otis, Chandler, Sherman and others could afford to pay it, but as yet there was no indication that they would, for the simple reason that they don't have to. Furthermore that they would favor a rate the mass of the landholders of the valley are able and willing to pay is an insult to their common sense.

There was much said about having something done for the education of the people or voting population of Los Angeles about conditions in the San Fernando valley; especially to get their minds impressed with the fact that the holdings of Otis and Chandler of Los Angeles Times are a very insignificant part of that princely domain and the sooner they get back to the plan of distributing aqueduct water originally recommended by the commission of expert engineers and quit listening to the plans of pin-head politicians the better it will be for all concerned.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour in the afternoon to meet again at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, December 12, at San Fernando, for the purpose of deciding upon a plan of action and a course of procedure for the advancement and protection of the valley's interests in the premises and perfecting an organization for carrying them out.

The matters in issue are of vital importance to the people of the valley and it is hoped they will manifest their appreciation of its importance by attending the meeting en mass.

The Civic Club and Chamber of Commerce of Tropico will both send delegates.

JUDICIAL QUIBBLING.

We have no interest in the fight Poet Sherer of the Glendale News is making on Printer Chase of the Jewel City Press, also of Glendale, over that city's official advertising, further than is felt by most people in seeing common sense, honesty and justice and fair-dealing dominate in the doings of men.

Of course it would be a hard blow on Brother Sherer, so soon after his defeat for a place at the public crib as an Assemblyman, to be driven away from a similar source of sustenance as city "printer" but it is not such a blow, i haply it should fall, as to deserve our sympathy or bias our judgment of the justice of his cause.

As everyone knows Mr. Chase's paper is as much a newspaper published for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of a general character, with a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, established, printed and published at regular intervals in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City or Town of Glendale, for a period of one year, as is Mr. Sherer's paper. But, it is Mr. Sherer's contention, because, forsooth, that the presswork of getting out Mr. Chase's paper was done a part of the time in the City of Los Angeles, and not on a press set up in Glendale, it does not have the status of a newspaper within the meaning of the law. A mere quibble over the meaning of the word "printed," which is admitted to be sometimes synonymous with "published," is the ground of the entire controversy. But for Mr. Sherer's interests this is not one of the times in which the two words are of the same meaning.

We still contend that the chief essentials of a newspaper to entitle it to the status of a legal medium of a city's official notices by publication are its permanent publication (or printing if you please) and circulation in the city in which the notices are offered for publication.

If this were not so what would have been the situation of San Francisco after the great fire, when for a long time its newspapers were printed on presses operated in Oakland?

Of course if Mr. Chase's paper is one of those ephemeral, fly-by-night, mushroom, upstart affairs, as is insinuated, its hopes should be dashed. Whether or not this is to be its fate depends largely upon the hat-band measurement of the arbiters of it.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ELECTRIC POLE AND WIRE FRANCHISE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, for a certain franchise granting the right to construct and for the period of forty (40) years to operate and maintain an electric pole and wire system upon all the streets, alleys and thoroughfares in the City of Tropico, together with certain appurtenant and incident rights hereinafter mentioned.

And that it is proposed by said Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder said franchise upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned. That said franchise is described as follows, to-wit:

A franchise to construct and for the period of forty years to operate and maintain an electirc pole and wire system for the purpose of conducting, transmitting and distributing electricity and electrical energy for lighting, heating and power purposes and for any and all other purposes for which electricity can be used, upon and along all the streets, alleys and thoroughfares in the City of Tropico.

Together with the right to construct and maintain crossarms, conductors, guy wires, insulators and any and all other necessary or convenient appliances or attachments.

That the terms and conditions upon which said franchise will be offered for sale and granted are the following:

That the pole and wire system to be constructed under this franchise shall be built in a good and workmanlike manner and of good material, and that all wires, extending over and along any of said streets, alleys or thoroughfares shall be placed at least twenty (20) feet from the ground and shall be thoroughly insulated and protected by guard wires wherever the Board of Trustees shall deem it necessary, and that all poles to be erected and maintained hereunder shall be at least eight (8) inches in diameter at the base and six (6) inches in diameter at the top, and at least twenty-five (25) feet in height, and shall be of good material, as aforesaid, and shall be erected, located and maintained in conformity with instructions from the Board of Trustees.

And unless otherwise ordered, all poles shall be placed flush with the outer edge of the highways where there are no sidewalks and flush with the curb lines where there are sidewalks, and adjacent poles shall not be placed nearer together than one hundred feet, except at cross-roads. When any of said poles or wires shall become an obstruction to the use of said highways or dangerous to the users thereof, said Board of Trustees shall have the right to order them removed at the expense of the grantee of this franchise, his or its successors or assigns.

And in the event that said grantee or his or its successors or assigns shall fail to comply with any instructions of said Board of Trustees with respect to the location, erection or maintenance of said poles and wires, or any of them within ten days after the service of written notice upon said grantee, his or its successors or assigns, requiring compliance therewith, then said Board of Trustees may immediately do the work on said electric system necessary to carry out said instructions, at the cost and expense of said grantee his or its successors or assigns, which cost, by the acceptance of this franchise, said grantee, his or its successors or assigns agree to pay upon demand.

That the work of constructing said pole and wire system shall be commenced in good faith within not more than four months from the date of the granting of said franchise, and shall be continuously prosecuted thereafter in good faith and without unnecessary or avoidable intermission or delay; that said work of construction shall be completed within not more than three years thereafter; and that if said work be not so commenced, prosecuted or completed within the times or in the manner specified said franchise shall be forfeited.

That all persons residing along the line of said pole line shall be entitled to receive an adequate supply of electricity for lighting, heating or power purposes, and that the grantee of said franchise, his successors or assigns, shall upon request from any person residing along the line of said pole line, and upon the payment of his, its or their reasonable charges for making the connection and for furnishing electricity, furnish to such person, an adequate supply of electricity for lighting, heating or power use.

That the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico, or other legally constituted authority, shall have the right to regulate and fix the charges of said grantee, his ,its or their successors or assigns, for electricity, furnished and distributed over, along and through said system, provided that the rates to be fixed shall be reasonable, and provided said Board of Trustees is authorized by law to fix such charges.

That the said grantee and his or its successors or assigns shall during the life of said franchise, pay to the City of Tropico, in lawful money of the United States, two per cent. of the gross annual receipts of such grantee, and his or its successors or assigns, arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, including moneys received for the use, sale, rental or furnishing of electricity for power, light, heat, or any other purpose whatever. No percentage shall be paid for the first five years, succeeding date of said franchise, but thereafter such percentage shall be paid annually.

And it shall be the duty of the grantee of said franchise and of his or its successors or assigns, to file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees at the expiration of six years from the date of granting of said franchise, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, a statement, verified by the oath of said grantee or his or its successors or assigns or by oath of the manager or presiding officer of said grantee or his or its successors or assigns, showing in detail the total gross earnings collected or received by said grantee or his or its successors or assigns during the preceeding twelve months for the use, sale, rental or furnishing of electricity for power, light, heat or any other purpose whatever, from any part of the system for the construction and operation of which said franchise is granted and within ten days after the time for filing the aforesaid statement it shall be the duty of said grantee and his or its successors or assigns to pay to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico the aggregate sum of the said percentage upon the amount of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, and if the amount paid is incorrect in the judgment of the Board of Trustees they may order the payment of such additional sum as they may find due hereunder, and if not paid, the same may be collected by suit. And any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee or his or its successors or assigns to file said verified statement or to pay the said percentage of the said gross annual receipts at the times or in the manner hereinbefore provided shall ipso facto work a forfeiture of said franchise and of all rights thereunder to the City of Tropico.

That the said grantee or his or its successors or assigns shall not sell, transfer or assign said franchise or any of the rights or privileges granted thereby, except by a duly executed instrument in writing filed in the office of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico; and provided further, that nothing in said franchise contained shall be construed to grant to said grantee or his or its successors or assigns any right to sell, transfer or assign said franchise or any of the rights or privileges thereby granted except in the manner aforesaid.

That any neglect, failure or refusal to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise shall thereupon immediately ipso facto effect a forfeiture thereof, and the said city, by its Board of Trustees may thereupon declare said franchise forfeited, and may exclude said grantee or his or its successors or assigns from further use of the highways of said city under said franchise; and said grantee or his or its successors or assigns shall thereupon and immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and said franchise shall be deemed and shall remain, null, void and of no effect.

Notice is also hereby given that sealed bids in writing will be received at the office of the City Clerk of said City of Tropico for said franchise up to 8 p. m. of January 23rd, 1913, and that the bids received will be opened at that time, that all bids must be for the payment of a stated sum in gold coin of the United States; and that the franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor; provided, only, that at the time of opening said bids, any responsible person, firm or corporation, present or represented, may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten per cent. above the highest sealed bid therefor, and that said bid so made may be raised not less than ten per cent. by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor in gold coin of the United States.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied with cash or a certified check payable to the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid will be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith; and the successful bidder must deposit at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid with the Clerk of said city before said franchise will be struck off to him, and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately his bid will not be received and will be considered as void, and said franchise will then and there be again offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, suoject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure will be had until said franchise is struck off, sold and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten per cent. of the amount of his bid as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the Clerk within twenty-four hours after the acceptance of his bid the remaining ninety per cent. of the amount thereof, and in case he or it fails to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made will be forfeited, and the award of said franchise will be void, and said franchise will then and there, by said Board of Trustees be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided, and in case said bidder fails to deposit with the Clerk the remaining ninety per cent. of his bid within twenty-four hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise will be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him will be forfeited, and no further proceedings for the sale of said franchise will be had until the same shall be re-advertised for sale.

Notice is also hereby given that the successful bidder for said franchise must within five days after said franchise is awarded to him or it, file with the said Board of Trustees a bond running to said city in the penal sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) dollars with at least two good and sufficient sureties to be approved by said Board of Trustees, conditioned that said bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages, and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. If said bond be not so filed, the award of said franchise will be set aside, and any money paid therefor will be forfeited.

That the grantee of said franchise or assigns shall be required to file a written acceptance of the terms and conditions hereof with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico within thirty days after the passage of the ordinance granting the same.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees, City of Tropico.
Dec. 3-10-17-24-31-5t.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO 106 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TROPICO DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO IMPROVE A PORTION OF GLENDALE AVENUE, A PART OF WHICH FORMS ONE OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF SAID CITY OF TROPICO.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico do resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. That the public interest and convenience require, and it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, to order the following street work to be done in said City, to-wit:

That all that portion of Glendale Avenue, a part of which forms one of the exterior boundaries of said City of Tropico be improved as follows:

First: That all of that portion of the roadway of Glendale Avenue from the Easterly prolongation across Glendale Avenue of the North line of Cerritos Avenue to the Northeasterly line of San Fernando Road, including all intersections of streets, (excepting such portions of said Avenue and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, oiled and macadamized in accordance with the plans and profile on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico, and special specifications for the grading, oiling and macadamizing of said portion of Glendale Avenue on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, which said special specifications were duly adopted for said work by Resolution No. 105 by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

Second: That a cement curb be constructed along the Westerly line of the roadway of said Glendale Avenue thirty (30) feet Westerly from and parallel with the center line of Glendale Avenue, from the Easterly prolongation across Glendale Avenue of the North line of Cerritos Avenue to the Easterly prolongation across Glendale Avenue of a line drawn 15 feet Southerly from and parallel with the North line of Depot Street, and twenty-one (21) feet from and parallel with the center line of Glendale Avenue from a line drawn 15 feet Southerly from and parallel with the Southerly line of Depot Street to the Northeasterly line of San Fernando Road, and that a cement curb be constructed along the Easterly line of the roadway of said Glendale Avenue thirty (30) feet from and parallel with the center line of Glendale Avenue from the Easterly prolongation across Glendale Avenue of the North line of Cerritos Avenue to the Northeasterly line of the Rancho Santa Eulalia as said Rancho is described in the final decree of partition in District Court Case No. 1621 in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and twenty-one (21) feet from and parallel with the center line of Glendale Avenue from the Northeasterly line of the aforesaid Rancho Santa Eulalia to the Northeasterly line of San Fernando Road. Said cement curbs shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the said City of Tropico, said Specifications being numbered 2. And that said curbs shall be placed as above specified herein and as shown on the plan of said work on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico instead of the distance specified in said specifications. Said curbs shall be curved on the specified radius to meet the curb lines of all intersecting streets as tangents.

Third: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Glendale Avenue from the Easterly prolongation across Glendale Avenue of the North line of Cerritos Avenue to the Northeasterly line of San Fernando Road. Said sidewalks to be constructed according to Specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1. Said sidewalks to include full returns at all intersecting street corners.

SECTION 2. The proceedings for the aforesaid improvement shall be taken under that certain act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled, "An Act to provide for work upon streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, and places forming the exterior boundaries of any municipality, whether partly or wholly, within or without, said boundaries, and providing for the construction of sewers, drains and sidewalks thereon and in connection therewith," approved April 21, 1911.

SECTION 3. The Tropico Interurban Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in said City of Tropico, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this Resolution of Intention, and notice of the passage thereof, shall be published in the manner and by the persons required by law.

SECTION 4. The Superintendent of Streets of said City of Tropico is hereby directed to post notices of the passage of this Resolution in the manner and in the form required by law, and to cause a similar notice to be published by one insertion in said newspaper in the manner required by law.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk of said City of Tropico is hereby directed to post this Resolution of Intention conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the Board of Trustees, and to cause the same to be published by two insertions in the manner required by law, in said newspaper.

Adopted and approved this 29th day of November, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the iCty of Tropico.
(Seal)
Attest:
S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

State of California, City of Tropico, ss.

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof, held the 29th of November, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Webster, Hobbs, Oliver and Conrad.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

NOTICE INVITING STREET WORK WORK PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Statutes and to Resolution No. 107 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted the 5th day of December, 1912, directing this notice, the undersigned invites, and will receive at his office in the City Hall, in the Bank of Tropico Building, located at the junction of Central Avenue and San Fernando Road in the City of Tropico, up to 7:00 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, December 19th, 1912, sealed proposals or bids for the following street work to be done according to the plans and specifications posted and on file therefor adopted, or herein mentioned, to-wit:

First—That all that portion of the roadway of Park Avenue from the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue to the East line of Central avenue, and from the West line of Central Avenue to the Easterly line of San Fernando Road and from the Westerly line of San Fernando Road to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company be graded, oiled and macadamized in accordance with the plan and profile on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico and in accordance with special specifications adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, for the grading, oiling and macadamizing of said Park Avenue between said described limits, on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

Second—That a cement curb be constructed along both sides of the roadway of said Park Avenue from the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, be constructed according to the plans and profile on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2, excepting that the outer or street face of all curbs on the North side of said Park Avenue shall be placed ten (10) feet from the property line instead of the distance as called for in said specifications.

Third—That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the North line of said Park Avenue from the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue to the East line of Brand Boulevard, and from a point 867.35 feet West from the West line of Central Avenue to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, also, that a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the South line of said Park Avenue from the West line of Cenaral Avenue to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, and that a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Park Avenue from the West line of Brand Boulevard to the East line of Central Avenue (excepting along such portions of said Park Avenue upon which a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade). Said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalk on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Said Board of Trustees determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of $25.00 or over for the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall be extended over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the 2nd day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable by coupon on the 2nd day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid, and the interest shall be payable semi-annually by coupon on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27th, 1893, and all acts supplementary thereto, or amendatory thereof.

Bidders must file with each proposal or bid a check payable to the order of the president of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, certified by a responsible Bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal, or a bond for the said amount, and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties, who shall justify before any officer competent to administer oaths, for double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions. In bidding, use blanks which will be furnished by the City Clerk upon application.

Tropico, California, December 10, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees, of the City of Tropico, California.
Dec. 10-17-2t.

RESOLUTION NO. 107 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORDERING CERTAIN STREET WORK TO BE DONE ON PARK AVENUE.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico do resolve as follows:

SECTION 1.—That the street work herein described is required by the public interest and convenience, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, hereby orders the same to be done, according to the specifications and plans adopted for said work, and under the directions and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets of said city, to-wit:

First—That all that portion of the roadway of Park Avenue from the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue to the East line of Central avenue, and from the West line of Central Avenue to the Easterly line of San Fernando Road and from the Westerly line of San Fernando Road to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company be graded, oiled and macadamized in accordance with the plan and profile on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Tropico and in accordance with special specifications adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, for the grading, oiling and macadamizing of said Park Avenue between said described limits, on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

Second—That a cement curb be constructed along both sides of the roadway of said Park Avenue from the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, including returns at all street intersections, (excepting along such portions of the line of said roadway upon which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade). Said curb to be constructed in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2, excepting that the outer or street face of all curbs on the North side of said Park Avenue shall be placed ten (10) feet from the property line instead of the distance as called for in said specifications.

Third—That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the North line of said Park Avenue from the Westerly line of Glendale Avenue to the East line of Brand Boulevard, and from a point 867.35 feet West from the West line of Central Avenue to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, also, that a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along the South line of said Park Avenue from the West line of Central Avenue to the Easterly line of the Right of Way of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, and that a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width be constructed along both sides of Park Avenue from the West line of Brand Boulevard to the East line of Central Avenue (excepting along such portions of said Park Avenue upon which a cement sidewalk four (4) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade). Said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalk on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

SECTION 2—The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or over for the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of tsreet work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

SECTION 3—The Tropico Interurban Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Tropico, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this resolution and notice of said work inviting sealed proposals shall be published in the manner and form and by the persons required by law.

SECTION 4—The City Clerk of the City of Tropico is hereby directed to post conspicuously for five days, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Trustees, in the manner and form required by law, a notice, with specifications, inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work; and said City Clerk is hereby directed to publish for two days in said newspaper hereby designated as aforesaid, in the manner and in the form required by law, a notice of said work inviting sealed proposals or bids for doing said work, and referring to the specifications posted or on file. Said notice shall require a certified check or bond, either, as prescribed by law, and for an amount not less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal. Said City Clerk is also hereby directed to publish this resolution for two days in the manner required by law in said newspaper designated for that purpose, as aforesaid.

Adopted and approved this 5th day of December, 1912.

C. A. BANCROFT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.
(SEAL)
Attest:
S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

State of California,) ss.
City of Tropico.)

I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of Tropico, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, State of California, and signed by the President of said Board at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 5th day of December, 1912, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver, Webster.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.
Dec. 10-17-2t.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice to contractors and all parties interested in the improvement of Acacia Avenue from the east line of Brand Boulevard to the westerly line of Glendale Avenue, and from the easterly line of Glendale Avenue to the southerly prolongation across Acacia Avenue of the east line of Adams Street, and in the improvement of Adams Street from the northerly city boundary line of the City of Tropico to the north line of Acacia Avenue, in the City of Tropico to the north line of Acacia Avenue, in the City of Tropico, as contemplated by Resolution of Intention No. 69 of said City of Tropico, that W. C. Harris, C. E. Nicholson and others have filed their appeal with the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico appealing from the acts and determinations of the Street Superintendent of said City of Tropico, in accepting the street work done under said proceedings, and for the following reasons:

That the street work at the intersection of said Acacia Avenue and Glendale Avenue in the City of Tropico, is so constructed, as to not drain the street of water; it being so constructed as to cause the water to stand on the north side of Acacia Avenue, and in times of heavy rains will cause the water to over-flow the curb, sidewalks and property on said corner.

That by reason of said construction it will be difficult for pedestrians to walk along said street; and is liable to cause damage to property by the overflow.

Said appeal will be heard by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico at the City Hall of said City, located at the junction of Central Avenue and San Fernando Road, at its meeting to be held Thursday, December 19th, 1912, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P. M., or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, made on the 20th day of June, A. D., 1910, in the matter of the estate of C. W. Winne, deceased, the undersigned, the Executor of the Estate of said C. W. Winne, deceased, will on Saturday, the 14th day of December, A. D., 1912, at private sale at the front office of the Bank of Tropico, City of Tropico, in said County, to the highest bidder for cash, gold coin of the United States, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on or after Monday, the 16th day of December, A. D., 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M., in Department 2 of said Superior Court, at the County Court House, in the City of Los Angeles in said County of Los Angeles, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said C. W. Winne at the time of his death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired other than or in addition to that of the said C. W. Winne at the time of his death, in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the said City of Tropico, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All the title and interest of said estate in and rights under that certain contract of sale dated the 11th day of August, 1710, executed by W. D. Pratt, executor of the estate of C. W. Winne, deceased, for the sale to Harry S. Dosh and which the said Harry S. Dosh thereby agreed to buy and pay for as therein set forth, all of Lot Three (3) and the Easterly eight (8) feet of Lot Two (2) of Chandler's Re-plat of Blocks 1 and 2 of the Villa Dell Tract, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map of said Tract recorded in Book 42, page 21, Miscellaneous Records of said Los Angeles County.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash in gold coin of the United States, ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid to the Cashier of the Bank of Tropico, on the day of sale, balance on confirmation of sale by said Superior Court. Deed at expense of purchaser.

W. B. PRATT,
Executor Estate of C. W. Winne, Deceased.
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